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	Filing Date	December 22, 2000	
	First Named Inventor	Neelam N. Vaidya	
	Group Art Unit	2171	
	Examiner Name	S. Al-Hashemi	
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TOTAL CLAIMS	24	-	20	4	<input type="checkbox"/> x \$9.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> x \$18.00	\$72.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4	-	4	0	<input type="checkbox"/> x \$42.00 <input type="checkbox"/> x \$84.00	\$
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: : Confirmation No.: 1488
Neelam N. Vaidya et al. : Group Art Unit: 2171
Application No.: 09/747,428 : Examiner: S. Al-Hashemi
Filed: December 22, 2000 :
For: MANAGING A LAYERED HIERARCHICAL DATA SET

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 and add new Claims 21-24 as shown in the clean version below, and as shown in a marked-up version in the Appendix:

1. (Amended Twice) A method for managing a plurality of nodes in a layered hierarchically organized database stored in a server on a computer network comprising:
- accessing a subset of said nodes in response to a client request;

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